

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

APPROVED

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Brown, Cebula, Hughes, LaMantia

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Michael Strangfeld, Michael Lach, Alan Hall, Carl Johnson, Ralph Schwartz, Jeremy Gingras, and others.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Hughes.

WEEKLY BRIEFING

Mr. Clark reported on a burst pipe at the Community Center this weekend. He noted that there was an extensive amount of damage and thanked the Fire Department for their quick response as well as Carolyn Carey and Sean Libby who helped in the clean-up effort.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes –
 - 1. January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting
 - 2. January 25, 2016 Regular Meeting
 - 3. February 1, 2016 Executive Session
 - 4. February 10, 2016 Executive Session

Ms. Brown moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS *(Not earlier than 6:30 P.M.)*

- A. Public Hearing – Application for a Seasonal, Common Victualler, All Alcoholic Beverages License for MT Group LLC d/b/a Mad Minnow Bar & Kitchen

Ms. Brown read the hearing notice into record. Mr. Clark reported that the Police Department has no objections. Mr. Strangfeld stated they are looking to open sometime in May and the establishment will be a higher end bar/food style with Cape Cod cuisine utilizing local farms. He described the patio design and said they would like to install an arbor at the back end, enhance the fence and make it go all the way around the patio. Chairman Hughes asked what his plans are for entertainment and Mr. Strangfeld said they don't plan to be music centered but rather they would have quieter entertainment such as jazz trios, acoustic guitars and things of that nature. Ms. Cebula questioned what time they are expecting to close and Mr. Strangfeld responded that they were hoping for 11:00 p.m. but know that other restaurants in the area are required to close at 10:00 p.m. so they would abide by that. Ralph Schwartz, Operations Director for the Harwich Port Resort Club (an abutter), said he is serving as spokesperson for his Board of Trustees. He

noted that he sent a letter to the Board and Chairman Hughes acknowledged that they received it. He noted that he had sent the same letter when Andale applied for a liquor license at that location and at the time there were specific issues brought up about the type of trees to be put in but most of the trees died. He said their biggest concern is the outside entertainment and service, and that they are moving the service area beyond the dumpsters which is further than the current service area. He said he would like to see more specific information as to the number of seats and closing time. He commented that it was not an enjoyable experience with the last owners. Chairman Hughes responded that there is a sketch of both the inside and outside plan as part of their application and it appears that they would like to stay within the confines of where they are now. Chairman Hughes further described the seating on the plan. He encouraged Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Strangfeld to introduce themselves to each other and communicate any issues that arise. He commented that he believes the applicant is coming to Town with the intent to be good citizens. Mr. Schwartz said the 10:00 closing worked well with Andale. Ms. Cebula encouraged Mr. Schwartz to return to the Board if he does have issues. Jeremy Gingras, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, noted that the applicant had worked on a business plan with them and was receptive to ideas. He stated that he is enthusiastic about the addition of this restaurant to Town. Carl Johnson of Cranberry Jewelers stated that this looks like it is going to be a great addition to the business area and encouraged the Board to approve it. Mr. Clark said the Board could make the closing consistent with other businesses in the area. Chairman Hughes closed the hearing. Ms. Brown moved to accept the application for a Seasonal, Common Victualler, All Alcoholic Beverages License for MT Group LLC d/b/a Mad Minnow Bar & Kitchen. Mr. LaMantia seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Presentation of Easement Release Donation for Hall Property

Chairman Hughes reported that we recently came to a successful conclusion in the acquisition of the Hall Property to complete our link around the reservoir at Bells Neck. Alan Hall provided an in depth history and map of the property. Chairman Hughes thanked him and his family on behalf of the Town and noted that he is a credit to this community. The Board also thanked Michael Lach of the Harwich Conservation Trust. Mr. Lach stated that this is a significant step forward in the land stewardship of the main Town-owned conservation area surrounding the west reservoir and by donating those rights across the wooden cart paths the Hall Family has created a more scenic and enjoyable experience for everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Review – *discussion and possible vote*

Mr. Clark spoke on how the warrant is organized and briefly referenced some of the articles. No action was taken by the Board.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Clark reported that Mr. Duncanson has committed to giving us a draft Inter-Municipal Agreement on wastewater with Chatham by the end of next week.

Mr. Clark reported that the Town of Dennis held a workshop with their various Boards and Committees to discuss their Wastewater Management Plan. He stated that this is a good way to get the information out and we should consider doing this as well. He noted that Dave Young will send us the information as to how Dennis did it.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board agreed to invite CVEC in to discuss the next steps in their budget process and how it will affect Harwich.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hughes adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary

Related Documents - 2/16/16 BOS Meeting

- 01 Agenda.pdf
- 02 Minutes January 19, 2016.pdf
- 03 Minutes January 25, 2016.pdf
- 04 Mad Minnow Liquor Appl..pdf
- 05 Mad Minnow Liquor Objection.pdf
- 06 Hall Property.pdf